

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A golf putter head comprising:
2 a striking face ~~defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;~~
3 a trailing edge ~~defining an arcuate configuration;~~
4 a sole;
5 a top surface, ~~said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said~~
6 ~~orthogonal bisector of said striking face;~~ and
7 a ball retriever and retainer including:
8 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole
9 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be
10 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an
11 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said
12 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the
13 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out
14 of said spherical recess; and
15 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said
16 retainer including ~~at least one a plurality of~~ resilient tab tabs defined in said
17 sole proximate said sole opening to enlarge said sole opening to receive the
18 golf ball, whereby each of said at least one plurality of resilient tab tabs
19 returns to an initial unflexed state upon receipt of the golf ball, said plurality
20 of resilient tabs being defined between an arcuate recess and said sole
21 opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically disposed with respect to
22 said sole opening, at least one notch being defined between said arcuate
23 recess and said sole opening to define said plurality of resilient tabs.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The golf putter head of Claim 2 1 wherein a
2 distal end of each of said plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion
3 extending toward a center of said spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing
4 restraint of the golf ball within said spherical recess.

1 Claim 4 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising a
2 shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited to a golf
3 club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal surface.

1 Claim 5 (original): The golf putter of Claim 4 wherein said shaft retriever
2 includes a longitudinal groove defined in said top surface and disposed parallel to
3 said striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a distal end adapted to be
4 received under the elongated object such that the elongated object is received
5 within said longitudinal groove.

1 Claim 6 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising ball
2 alignment indicia disposed on said top surface of said golf putter head.

1 Claim 7 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 6 wherein said ball
2 alignment indicia defines a C-shaped configuration terminating at first and second
3 ends proximate said striking face and extending around said ball retriever and
4 retainer top surface opening, whereby a ball is visually aligned between said first
5 and second ends to center the ball on said striking face.

1 Claim 8 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 6 wherein said ball
2 alignment indicia includes at least a portion adapted to appear distorted when a
3 golfer is not positioned directly above said golf putter head, and wherein said
4 portion of said ball alignment indicia appears straight when the golfer is positioned
5 directly above said golf putter head.

6 Claim 9 (currently amended): The golf putter head of Claim 1 wherein said
7 ball retriever and retainer is disposed relative to said striking face such that said

8 ball retriever and retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf ball
9 when placed in a conventional cup.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The golf putter head of Claim 1, said trailing
2 edge being adapted to be received within the radius of a conventional cup, whereby
3 said golf putter head is receivable within the cup.

1 Claim 11 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 1 further comprising a
2 curved transition defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said curved
3 transition assisting in inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said putter
4 inadvertently engages the lip of the cup, said curved transition further serving to
5 reduce drag to reduce stubbing through a golfer's back swing.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

1 Claim 13 (original): A golf putter head comprising:
2 a striking face defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;
3 a trailing edge defining an arcuate configuration;
4 a sole;
5 a top surface, said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said
6 orthogonal bisector of said striking face;
7 a ball retriever and retainer including:

8 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole
9 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be
10 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an
11 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said
12 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the
13 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out
14 of said spherical recess; and

15 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said
16 retainer including a plurality of resilient tabs defined between an arcuate
17 recess and said sole opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically

18 disposed with respect to said sole opening, at least one notch being defined
19 between said arcuate recess and said sole opening to define said plurality of
20 resilient tabs, said plurality of resilient tabs being provided for enlarging
21 said sole opening to receive the golf ball, whereby each of said plurality of
22 resilient tabs returns to an initial unflexed state upon receipt of the golf ball;
23 and
24 a shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited
25 to a golf club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal
26 surface.

1 Claim 14 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 13 wherein a distal end of
2 each of said plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion extending toward a
3 center of said spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing restraint of the golf
4 ball within said spherical recess.

1 Claim 15 (original): The golf putter of Claim 13 wherein said shaft retriever
2 includes a longitudinal groove defined in said top surface and disposed parallel to
3 said striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a distal end adapted to be
4 received under the elongated object such that the elongated object is received
5 within said longitudinal groove.

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The golf putter head of Claim 13 wherein
2 said ball retriever and retainer is disposed relative to said striking face such that
3 said ball retriever and retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf
4 ball when placed in a conventional cup.

1 Claim 17 (currently amended): The golf putter head of Claim 13, said
2 trailing edge being adapted to be received within the radius of a conventional cup,
3 whereby said golf putter head is receivable within the cup.

1 Claim 18 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 13 further comprising a
2 curved transition defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said curved
3 transition assisting in inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said putter

4 inadvertently engages the lip of the cup, said curved transition further serving to
5 reduce drag to reduce stubbing through a golfer's back swing.

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): A golf putter head comprising:
2 a striking face defining a planar surface and defining an orthogonal bisector;
3 a trailing edge defining an arcuate configuration, said trailing edge being
4 adapted to be received with the radius of a ~~conventional~~ cup, whereby said golf
5 putter head is receivable within the cup;

6 a sole;

7 a curved transition defined between said sole and said trailing edge, said
8 curved transition assisting in inserting said golf putter head in a cup when said
9 putter inadvertently engages the lip of the cup, said curved transition further
10 serving to reduce drag to reduce stubbing through a golfer's back swing;

11 a top surface, said putter head being substantially symmetrical about said
12 orthogonal bisector of said striking face;

13 a ball retriever and retainer disposed relative to said striking face such that
14 said ball retriever and retainer is adapted to be substantially centered over a golf
15 ball when placed in a ~~conventional~~ cup, said ball retriever and retainer including:

16 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole
17 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be
18 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an
19 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said
20 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the
21 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out
22 of said spherical recess; and

23 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said
24 retainer including a plurality of resilient tabs defined between an arcuate
25 recess and said sole opening, said arcuate recess being concentrically
26 disposed with respect to said sole opening, at least one notch being defined
27 between said arcuate recess and said sole opening to define said plurality of
28 resilient tabs, said plurality of resilient tabs being provided for enlarging

29 said sole opening to receive the golf ball, whereby each of said plurality of
30 resilient tabs returns to an initial unflexed state upon receipt of the golf ball;
31 and

32 a shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited
33 to a golf club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal
34 surface, said shaft retriever including a longitudinal groove defined in said top
35 surface and disposed parallel to said striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a
36 distal end adapted to be received under the elongated object such that the
37 elongated object is received within said longitudinal groove.

1 Claim 20 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 19 wherein a distal end of
2 each of said plurality of resilient tabs defines a raised portion extending toward a
3 center of said spherical recess, said raised portion enhancing restraint of the golf
4 ball within said spherical recess.

1 Claim 21 (new): A golf putter head comprising:
2 a striking face;
3 a trailing edge;
4 a sole;
5 a top surface; and
6 a ball retriever and retainer including:

7 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole
8 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be
9 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an
10 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said
11 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the
12 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out
13 of said spherical recess; and

14 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said
15 retainer including at least one resilient tab defined in said sole proximate
16 said sole opening to enlarge said sole opening to receive the golf ball,

17 whereby said at least one resilient tab returns to an initial unflexed state
18 upon receipt of the golf ball; and
19 a shaft retriever for retrieving an elongated object including but not limited
20 to a golf club and a flag stick, when the elongated object is lying on a horizontal
21 surface.

1 Claim 22 (new): The golf putter of Claim 21 wherein said shaft retriever
2 includes a longitudinal groove defined in said top surface and disposed parallel to
3 said striking surface, said shaft retriever defining a distal end adapted to be
4 received under the elongated object such that the elongated object is received
5 within said longitudinal groove.

1 Claim 23 (new): A golf putter head comprising:
2 a striking face;
3 a trailing edge;
4 a sole;
5 a top surface; and
6 a ball retriever and retainer including:

7 a spherical recess formed in said golf putter head between said sole
8 and said striking surface, said sole defining an opening adapted to be
9 slightly smaller than the diameter of a golf ball, said top surface defining an
10 opening to reveal a portion of the golf ball when received within said
11 spherical recess, said top surface opening being provided for engaging the
12 golf ball when received within said spherical recess to push the golf ball out
13 of said spherical recess; and

14 a retainer for retaining the golf ball within said spherical recess, said
15 retainer including at least one resilient tab defined in said sole proximate
16 said sole opening to enlarge said sole opening to receive the golf ball,
17 whereby said at least one resilient tab returns to an initial unflexed state
18 upon receipt of the golf ball; and

19 ball alignment indicia disposed on said top surface of said golf putter head,
20 said ball alignment indicia defining a C-shaped configuration terminating at first
21 and second ends proximate said striking face and extending around said ball

22 retriever and retainer top surface opening, whereby a ball is visually aligned
23 between said first and second ends to center the ball on said striking face.

1 Claim 24 (original): The golf putter head of Claim 23 wherein said ball
2 alignment indicia includes at least a portion adapted to appear distorted when a
3 golfer is not positioned directly above said golf putter head, and wherein said
4 portion of said ball alignment indicia appears straight when the golfer is positioned
5 directly above said golf putter head.